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Title: ENHANCING FLUID FLOW IN A STACKED PLATE MICROREACTOR

REQUEST FOR STATUS

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

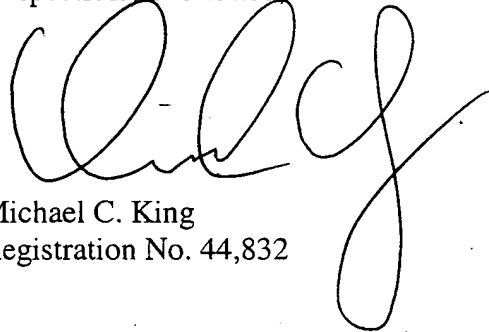
In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated June 22, 2005, applicants previously filed an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration (dated July 8, 2005), which cancelled the only remaining rejected claim, thereby placing the case in condition for allowance.

The Examiner contacted applicants' attorney by telephone to explain that while the amendment of July 8<sup>th</sup> had been received, because the Examiner had recently become aware of a re-examination proceeding in the parent application, the Examiner was not sure how to proceed with respect to the present application. Applicants' attorney believes the Examiner was considering whether art cited in the re-examination (submitted herewith in a supplementary information disclosure statement) is relevant to the claims in the pending application.

The six-month statutory period for filing a complete and proper reply, as the condition of the case may require, expired on September 29, 2005. Since that date applicant's attorney has been unable to contact the Examiner to determine the status of the application. MPEP 711 indicates a patent application can become abandoned by failure of the applicant to take appropriate action within a specified time at some stage in the prosecution of the application. In the context of the present application, applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration (dated July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005) was fully responsive to the outstanding office action dated March 29, 2005. There appears to be no basis for concluding the present application has become abandoned.

1 As no further communication has been received from the patent office relative to this patent  
2 application, applicants hereby respectfully request the Examiner verify the status of the present  
3 application.  
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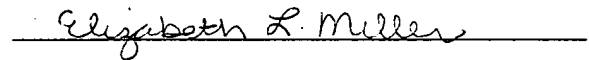
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